GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

PS – PR&RD Department - Allegations of irregularities in execution of works under NREGS Scheme taken up in plain areas of Visakhapatnam District – Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri R.L.N.V. Kumar, former Extension Officer, PR&RD, Anandapuram (now Retd.) – Charge proved in the regular inquiry conducted by the C.O.I – Inquiry Report communicated – Representation received – Imposition of a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of three (3) years under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Orders – Issued

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PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

**G.O.RT.No. 703** **Dated: 01-12-2020**

Read the following :

1. From DG, GA (V&E) Deptt., Vigilance Report No. 32 (C.NO.685/ V&E/E2/2013), dated: 27.11.2014.
2. G.O.Rt.No.676 & 691, PR&RD (Vig. I) Department, Dt: 11.07.2016.
3. From the C.PRR&RE, AP, Vijayawada, Lr. NO. 1878/CPR&RD/E2/2016, dt: 20.07.2017.
4. From the ENC,PR, AP, Lr. NO. Vig. I (1)/844/2015, dt: 3.10.2017 & 8.12.2017.
5. G.O.Rt.No. 998, PR&RD (Vig. I) Dept, Dt: 16.08.2018.
6. From Sri P.K. Sarangi, IFS, C.O.I, Member, G.A (COI) Dept., D.O. Letter NO. 110/COI-PKS/2018, dt: 06.02.2019.
7. Govt. Memo No. 20205/Vig. I/2014, PR&RD (Vig. I) Dept., Dt:13.05.2019.
8. From the ENC, PR, AP, Vijayawada, Letter NO. Vig. I (1)/844/2015, dt: 11.07.2019.
9. Govt. Memo NOs. 20205/Vig. I/2014, PR&RD (Vig. I) Dept., Dt:21.08.2019.
10. From Sri R.L.N.V. Kumar, former Extension Officer (PR&RD), MPP, Anandapuram, representation dt: 28.10.2019.
11. Govt. Letter NO. 20205/Vig. I/2014, PR&RD (Vig. I) Dept. Dt:19.08.2020.
12. From the Secretary, APPSC, Letter No.317/DC&C/2020, dt: 06.10.2020.

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ORDER :

In the references 2nd read above, Government initiated common disciplinary proceedings under Rule 24 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 duly framing following article of charge under Rule 20 of above said rules against Sri R.L.N.V. Kumar, the then Extension Officer (PR&RD), MPP, Anandapuram, with a direction to submit his written statement of defence :

Charge-I

That Sri R.L.N.V. Kumar, former E.O., PR&RD, Anandapuram presently working at Bheemunipatnam Mandal, Visakhapatnam

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District, instead of issuing cheques for payment towards the work "Construction of Road from BN Road to Gudilova Temple road of Anandapuram Mandal", has irregularly withdrawn the cash amount from the Joint account of Special Officer & Panchayat Secretary, against the norms of MGNREGS. Thus he failed to discharge his duties, lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby contravened Rules, 3(1) and 3(2) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964. Hence the charge.

2. In the reference 3rd read above, the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development has submitted the written statement of defence dt: 08.10.2016 of Sri R.L.N.V,.Kumar, the then Extension Officer (PR&RD), MPP, Anandapuram.

3. Government having not satisfied with the written statement of defence of above charged officer, have decided to conduct regular enquiry into the matter. Accordingly, in the reference 5th read above, Government appointed Sri P.K. Sarangi, IFS, Commissioner of Inquires, General Administration (COI.PKS) Department as the Inquiring Authority to conduct inquiry into the charges framed against Sri R.L.N.V. Kumar, the then Extension Officer (PR&RD), MPP, Anandapuram and also against other fourteen (14) co-charged officers involved in the case.

4. In the reference 6th read above, the Inquiring Authority has furnished inquiry report and among others, the inquiring authority has held that the charge framed against the charged officer Sri R.L.N.V. Kumar, the then Extension Officer (PR&RD) is held proved.

5. In the reference 7th read above, Government, among others, have communicated copy of the inquiry report to the charged officer Sri R.L.N.V. Kumar, the then Extension Officer (PR&RD) for submitting his representation, if any, on the inquiry report.

6. In the reference 8th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada, among others, has furnished representation of Sri R.L.N.V. Kumar, the then Extension Officer (PR&RD) (Now Retd.) wherein the charged officer has stated that he did not commit any dereliction of duties except making payment by cash which is a procedural deviation and requested to consider his representation on sympathetic view and drop further action against him.

7. Government examined the representation of the charged officer and taken a provisional decision to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of three (3) years against Sri R.L.N.V,.Kumar, the then Extension Officer (PR&RD), MPP, Anandapuram (now Retd.) under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1991 since the charged officer has not absolved from the charge. Accordingly, in the reference 9th read above, Government communicated the above provisional decision to impose the above penalty to the charged officer with a direction to submit his representation, if any in the matter.

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8. In the reference 10th read above, the charged officer Sri R.L.N.V,.Kumar, the then Extension Officer (PR&RD), MPP, Anandapuram (now Retd.) has submitted representation stating that the proposed penalty is harsh and requested to consider representation and to drop further action against him by taking a lenient view.

9. Government after examination of the matter, have decided to proceed further to impose the above penalty against the charged officer under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension, 1980 since the charged officer has not adduced any valid grounds. Accordingly consulted the A.P. Public Service Commission for their concurrence vide reference 11th read above and the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission in the reference 12th read above has communicated the consent of the Commission on the proposed penalty against the charged officer.

10. Accordingly, Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby impose the penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of three (3) years against Sri R.L.N.V,.Kumar, the then Extension Officer (PR&RD), MPP, Anandapuram (now Retd.) under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980. in the matter.

11. The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, A.P, Tadepali, Guntur District shall take further necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri R.L.N.V,.Kumar, the then Extension Officer (PR&RD),
MPP, Anandapuram, Visakhapatnam District (now Retd.)
**through** the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, A.P, Tadepalli, Guntur District
The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, A.P, Tadepalli, Guntur District (with a request to serve the orders on the individual and furnish the dated acknowledgment copy)
**Copy to:-**
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada.
The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada.
The Secretary to VC, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
SF/SC.

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SECTION OFFICER